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PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO AIFLD'S JESSE FRIEDMAN

E.O. 12065: RDS-4 3/2/09 (CHAPLIN, MAXWELL) DR-M  
TAGS: ELAB AIFLD SHUM AR  
SUBJ: (C) PROFESSOR ALFREDO BRAVO

1. - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. BRAVO DEEPLY MOVED BY AIFLD/AFL-CIO'S RAPID CONSIDERATION OF A SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPED SOME WEEKS AGO WHEN BRAVO INTERPRETED AN ACCUMULATION OF RECENT EVENTS AS IMMEDIATELY THREATENING HIS SECURITY AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY AND INITIATED PLANS FOR A HASTY DEPARTURE FROM ARGENTINA.

3. FYI: BRAVO FIRST BECAME FRIGHTENED WHEN, A FEW MONTHS AGO, HE SPOTTED UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS AT A NEARBY LOCATION TAKING PICTURES OF HIM ON THE TERRACE OF HIS HOME, WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS THE PRELUDE TO ANOTHER KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT. HE AGAIN BECAME ALARMED WHEN GENERAL SASIAIN, WHO, HE REGARDS AS HAVING BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HIS EARLIER KIDNAPPING AND TORTURE, WAS NAMED TO BE CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE. THE LATTER DEVELOPMENT IS WHAT SET HIM OFF ON PLANS TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. THE AFL-CIO'S RAPID ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM, REPORTEDLY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, LED TO AN OFFER TO FACILITATE BRAVO'S DEPARTURE FROM ARGENTINA AND TO FIND HIM EMPLOYMENT WITH TEACHERS UNION IN THE US. END FYI.

4. HOWEVER, ON CALMER REFLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THESE EVENTS AND HIS SITUATION, INCLUDING THE NEW FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM PEN STATUS AND IS NOT TECHNICALLY A FREE PERSON, BRAVO HAS DECIDED HE WANTS TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINE WHERE HE SAYS HIS DUTY TO FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LIES. HE HOPES HIS AFL-CIO BROTHERS WILL UNDERSTAND THIS DECISION AND ASKED THAT HIS HEARTFELT THANKS, AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY, BE TRANSMITTED TO MR. MEANY AND THE OTHER AFL-CIOAIFLD OFFICERS WHO ACTED ON HIS BEHALF FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN GESTURE AND TRADE UNION SOLIDARITY. (ESPECIALLY JESSE FRIEDMAN WHO RECENTLY VISITED ARGENTINA).

5. AT OUR INITIATIVE WE INQUIRED WHETHER HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO VISIT US ON HIS OWN. BRAVO RESPONDED, REGRETTING THAT HE WAS FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE A TRIP TO THANK AFL-CIO PERSONALLY. FYI: BRAVO IS CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED, ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING REHIRED, AND LIVING OFF THE MEAGRE EARNINGS OF HIS WIFE --THE SOLE FAMILY BREADWINNER (WHICH OF COURSE WEIGHT ON HIM AND DOES NOT MAKE HIS DECISION TO REMAIN ANY EASIER.) END FYI)

6. EMBASSY TOO WISHES TO THANK THE AFL-CIO AND AIFLD FOR ITS SPEEDY CONSIDERATION OF THIS CASE AND DECISION TH HELP. WE HOPE THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ALARMING INCIDENTS WHICH WOULD COMPEL US TO AGAIN MOBILIZE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL IN AN EMERGENCY EFFORT TO HELP HIM. CASTRO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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